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**Ex Parte**

Mr. William F. Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 222  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: **NYNEX Telephone Companies Comparably Efficient  
Interconnection Plan For Payphone Services; Docket No. 96-  
128 and CC Docket No. 91-35**

Dear Mr. Caton:

This ex parte responds to a request from Mr. Craig Brown of the Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, for additional information of a clarifying nature regarding NYNEX's Comparably Efficient Interconnection (CEI) Plan for Payphone Services filed January 3, 1997.

In regard to coin refund, as noted in NYNEX's Reply Comments filed on February 24, 1997 (at n.20), NYNEX's regulated operations will no longer be providing coin refund services to affiliated or non-affiliated payphone providers as of April 1, 1997.<sup>1</sup> As such, similar to what non-affiliated payphone providers do today, NYNEX's Payphone Services will place stickers on all their payphone sets which will instruct payphone users who want a coin refund to call an 800 number associated with NYNEX's Payphone Services. To effect a refund, NYNEX Payphone Services will issue a check or, if the payphone user is also a customer of NYNEX telephone service, apply a credit

<sup>1</sup> The April 1, 1997 date assumes that NYNEX will be certified on that date per paragraph 131 of the Commission's Payphone Reconsideration Order. (Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification And Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket Nos. 96-128 and 91-35, Order On Reconsideration, FCC 96-439, released November 8, 1996.)

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against the customer's NYNEX telephone bill.<sup>2</sup> A payphone user who calls NYNEX's telephone operations for a coin refund will be referred to the payphone set sticker.<sup>3</sup>

In regard to the issue as to which of NYNEX's PAL services will NYNEX Payphone Services subscribe, NYNEX's Payphone Services will only subscribe to the four new PAL services as delineated in our CEI Plan<sup>4</sup> and further described in Attachment A to this memorandum. In regard to inmate service, NYNEX's non-regulated inmate payphone services operations will subscribe to NYNEX's Inmate Public Access Line (PAL) service.<sup>5</sup> Service descriptions for existing PAL Services are included as Attachment B. NYNEX's Network Disclosure is provided as Attachment C.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to me at the above noted address or telephone number.

Sincerely,



cc: Mr. Craig Brown  
Mr. Jim Lichford

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<sup>2</sup> The refund will be issued by NYNEX's Payphone Services and be applied as a debit against NYNEX's Payphone Services.

<sup>3</sup> Because NYNEX payphone users are accustomed to calling NYNEX telephone operators to obtain a coin refund, in order to minimize customer confusion, for a limited time (less than two months), NYNEX's telephone operators will provide the 800 number associated with NYNEX's Payphone Services coin refund service if asked.

<sup>4</sup> At pp. 3-4 and in Attachment A of the CEI Plan.

<sup>5</sup> Id.

**Service Descriptions For The Four New PAL Services  
(available in all NYNEX States)**

**1. *One-Way Basic Coin Access Line*** is a message service with outgoing-only call capabilities. The following network functionality is provided:

- Blocks operator assisted calls from being charged to the originating number/line;
- Blocks incoming collect and third party calls from being billed to a payphone line when originating within the 48 continental United States;
- Blocking of pay-per call services, except 976 in NY;
- Routing of 011+ calls to the international operator;
- Answer supervision;
- Coin functionality, which includes dial tone first, call rating, automated local coin overtime, coin collect/coin return, return of initial coin deposit on calls beyond local calling area, operator system control to process 0+ and 0- calls, and standard recorded announcements.

**2. *Two-Way Basic Coin Access Line*** is a message service with incoming and outgoing call capabilities. The following network functionality is provided:

- Blocks operator assisted calls from being charged to the originating number/line;
- Blocks incoming collect and third party calls from being billed to a payphone line when originating within the 48 continental United States;
- Blocking of pay-per call services, except 976 in NY;
- Routing of 011+ calls to the international operator;
- Answer supervision;
- Coin functionality, which includes dial tone first, call rating, automated local coin overtime, coin collect/coin return, return of initial coin deposit on calls beyond local calling area, operator system control to process 0+ and 0- calls, and standard recorded announcements.

**3. *Inmate Public Access Line*** is a one-way, outgoing only service restricted for 0+ collect calls only. The following network functionality is provided:

- Blocks operator assisted calls from being charged to the originating number/line;
- Blocks incoming collect and third party calls from being billed to a payphone line when originating within the 48 continental United States;
- Blocking of all pay-per call services;
- Blocking of direct dialed international 011 calls;
- No 1+ dialing.

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**4. *Charge-A-Call Public Access Line*** is a one-way, outgoing only service which allows 0+ calling to be billed to a calling card, collect to the called number, or to a third party.

The following network functionality is provided:

- Blocks operator assisted calls from being charged to the originating number/line;
- Blocks incoming collect and third party calls from being billed to a payphone line when originating within the 48 continental United States;
- Blocking of all pay-per call services;
- Blocking of direct dialed international 011 calls.

**Service Descriptions For Existing PAL Services\***

**New York:**

**1. One-Way Basic Public Access Lines** are measured service lines arranged for outgoing-only calling. Service specific optional feature: Line Side Answer Supervision (LSAS). General options include Billed Number Screening (BNS) which prevents collect or third party charges to the service, Touch-Tone and Subscriber Activated Call Blocking (SACB).

**2. One-Way Basic Public Access Lines with Outward Call Screening (OCS)** are measured service lines arranged for outgoing-only calling. OCS blocks operator assisted calls placed from a payphone from being charged to that line. Service specific optional feature: LSAS. General options include Billed Number Screening (BNS), Touch-Tone, blocking of pay-per-call services, blocking of international direct dialed calls (IDDB), and Subscriber Activated Call Blocking (SACB).

**3. Two-Way Basic Public Access Lines** are measured service lines arranged for incoming and outgoing calling. Service specific optional feature: LSAS. General options include BNS, Touch-Tone, and SACB.

**4. Two-Way Basic Public Access Lines with Outward Call Screening (OCS)** are measured service lines arranged for incoming and outgoing calling. OCS blocks operator assisted calls placed from a payphone from being charged to that line. Service specific optional feature: LSAS. General options include BNS, Touch-Tone, blocking of pay-per-call services, IDDB, and SACB.

**5. One-Way Enhanced Basic Public Access Lines** are measured service lines arranged for outgoing-only calling. Service specific optional feature: LSAS. General options include BNS, Touch-Tone, blocking of pay-per-call services except 976, and SACB.

**6. Two-Way Enhanced Basic Public Access Lines** are measured service lines arranged for incoming and outgoing calling. Service specific optional feature: LSAS. General options include BNS, Touch-Tone, blocking of pay-per-call services except 976, and SACB.

**7. One-Way Enhanced Basic Public Access Lines with Outward Call Screening (OCS)** are measured service lines arranged for outgoing-only calling. OCS blocks operator assisted calls placed from a payphone from being charged to that line. Service specific optional feature: LSAS. General options include BNS, Touch-Tone, blocking of pay-per-call services except 976, IDDB, and SACB.

**8. Two-Way Enhanced Basic Public Access Lines with Outward Call Screening (OCS)** are measured service lines arranged for incoming and outgoing calling. OCS blocks operator assisted calls placed from a payphone from being charged to that line. Service specific optional feature: LSAS. General options include BNS, Touch-Tone, blocking of pay-per-call services except 976, IDDB, and SACB.

\* See Glossary of Feature Definitions On Page 4.

### **Service Descriptions For Existing PAL Services**

**9. One-Way Limited InterLATA Dialing Public Access Lines with Outward Call Screening (OCS)** are measured service lines arranged for outgoing-only calling. OCS blocks operator assisted calls placed from a payphone from being charged to that line. The Limited InterLATA Dialing (LID) restriction limits interLATA dialing to 0+ calling through the carrier's operator service provider. This service also includes IDDB and blocking of pay-per call services. Service specific optional feature: LSAS. General options include BNS, Touch-Tone, and SACB.

**10. Two-Way Limited InterLATA Dialing Public Access Lines with Outward Call Screening (OCS)** are measured service lines arranged for incoming and outgoing calling. OCS blocks operator assisted calls placed from a payphone from being charged to that line. The Limited InterLATA Dialing (LID) restriction limits interLATA dialing to 0+ calling through the carrier's operator service provider. This service also includes IDDB and blocking of pay-per call services. Service specific optional feature: LSAS. General options include BNS, Touch-Tone, and SACB.

**11. One-Way Enhanced Limited InterLATA Dialing Public Access Lines with Outward Call Screening (OCS)** are measured service lines arranged for outgoing-only calling. OCS blocks operator assisted calls placed from a payphone from being charged to that line. The Limited InterLATA Dialing (LID) restriction limits interLATA dialing to 0+ calling through the carrier's operator service provider. This service also includes IDDB and blocking of pay-per call services, except 976. Service specific optional feature: LSAS. General options include BNS, Touch-Tone, and SACB.

**12. Two-Way Enhanced Limited InterLATA Dialing Public Access Lines with Outward Call Screening (OCS)** are measured service lines arranged for incoming and outgoing calling. OCS blocks operator assisted calls placed from a payphone from being charged to that line. The Limited InterLATA Dialing (LID) restriction limits interLATA dialing to 0+ calling through the carrier's operator service provider. This service also includes IDDB and blocking of pay-per call services, except 976. Service specific optional feature: LSAS. General options include BNS, Touch-Tone, and SACB.

**13. Coin Compatible Public Access Line (grandfathered)** is a standard dial tone first coin line for private payphone providers. Standard features include two-way measured service, OCS, BNS, coin rating, automated local coin overtime, coin signaling (coin collect and coin return), and standard recorded announcements, blocking of pay-per call services, LSAS functionality, and IDDB. General options include Touch Tone.

### **Service Descriptions For Existing PAL Services**

#### **Massachusetts:**

**1. Public Access Line, measured rate**, includes as general optional features the following: Originating Number Screening (ONS, which is the equivalent of OCS in NY), Terminating Number Screening (TNS, which is the equivalent of BNS in NY), Touch Tone, and blocking of pay-per call services.

**2. Public Access Line, flat rate**, includes as general optional features the following: Originating Number Screening (ONS), Terminating Number Screening (TNS), Touch Tone, and blocking of pay-per call services.

#### **Rhode Island:**

The **Public Access Line** is a measured service, which includes Touch Tone service. General optional features include ONS, TNS, and blocking of pay-per call services.

#### **New Hampshire:**

The **Public Access Line** is a measured service, which includes Touch Tone service. General optional features include ONS, TNS, and blocking of pay-per call services.

#### **Maine:**

The **Public Access Line** is a measured service, with the following general optional features: Touch Tone, ONS, TNS, and blocking of pay-per call services.

#### **Vermont:**

The **Public Access Line** is a measured service, with the following general optional features: Touch Tone, ONS, TNS, and blocking of pay-per call services.

### **Glossary of Feature Definitions**

**Measured Service:** Calls are timed and rated for initial and overtime periods according to standard NYNEX rate schedules.

**Outward Call Screening (OCS/NY)/Originating Number Screening (ONS/NE):**

Blocks operator assisted calls from being charged to the originating number/line.

**Billed Number Screening (BNS/NY)/Terminating Number Screening (TNS/NE):**

Blocks incoming collect and third party calls from being billed to a payphone line when originating within the 48 continental United States.

**Limited InterLATA Dialing (LID):** InterLATA calling is restricted to operator assisted alternate bill calls.

**Tier Blocking (NY)/Selective Blocking (SB/NE):** Blocks access to pay-per call NXXs, such as 394, 540, 550, 970, etc., & NPAs, such as 700 and 900.

**International Direct Dialed Blocking (IDDB):** Blocks international direct dial calls but allows for completion of direct dial domestic calls.

**Line Side Answer Supervision (LSAS):** An "off-hook" supervisory signal is sent to the IPP line when the called party answers the call. When a called party disconnects, an "on-hook" signal is detected and the reverse battery signal is returned to normal. LSAS improves the accuracy of IPPs' timing of sent paid calls.

**Subscriber Activated Call Blocking (SACB):** Prevents unauthorized use of a telephone by requiring a person to dial a PIN before a call can be completed. This service is only available when there is demonstrated fraud on the line and bill.

**Coin Signaling (Coin collect and Coin Return):** Coin collect is used when a call has been completed. Coin return is used if a no answer or busy condition is encountered. Also includes "hand-offs" to IXC's and Operator Services TOPS switches on sent paid calls.





**NETWORK DISCLOSURE  
BASIC COIN ACCESS LINES (BCALs)**

NYNEX plans to introduce Basic Coin Access Line (BCAL) services in the first quarter of 1997. BCALs will provide Public Payphone Providers with network access and complete coin capabilities for traditional network based coin functionality. The services will be offered throughout the NYNEX region under tariffed rates, terms and conditions.

Public Payphone Providers can use BCAL services to provide coin and coinless services to their end users. BCAL services will provide access to the network via a loop from the end office provisioned with the appropriate start signal. Capabilities provided under BCALs will include select combinations of the following functions: Outward Call Screening, Billed Number Screening, Terminating Number Screening, Selective Blocking, Tier Blocking, International Direct Dialed Blocking, Directory Assistance and Coin Signaling. BCAL services will utilize the following technical specifications:

*Coin and Charge-A-Call, TR-TSY-000528, Revision 2, April 1991.*

*Signaling, LSSGR Section 6, TR-NWT-000506, Issue 3, September 1991.*

*Signaling (MF), OSSGR Section 6, TR-NWT-001144, issue 1, February 1991.*

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